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Grand Teton National Park News Release

Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail Closes Today And Snow Plowing Begins Soon on Teton Park Road

Grand Teton National Park Superintendent Mary Gibson Scott announces that the Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail running from Moran Junction to Flagg Ranch within Grand Teton National Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway is now closed as of today, March 10, because of deteriorated snow conditions along the length of the trail. Annual snow plowing of the Teton Park Road is scheduled to begin Sunday morning, March 13. Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing along the road surface will end for the winter season at that time.

Plowing operations on the Teton Park Road will begin Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m. Although access to the roadway will no longer be available to winter recreation, park visitors may continue to use areas adjacent to the roadbed for skiing and snowshoeing. For safety reasons, visitors are requested **not to access** the Teton Park Road while rotary snow removal equipment and plows are working on the roadway and to **always** maintain a safe distance from any of this equipment whenever they in operation.

Depending on weather, snow conditions and plowing progress, portions of the roadway may become accessible to non-motorized activities such as hiking, biking, inline skating and dog walking well before the annual April 1st opening date. Pet owners are reminded that leashed dogs are permitted **only** on the roadway and not allowed in areas off the roadbed. Pet owners must clean up their dog waste and a "mutt-mitt" station located near the road closure gate provides bags for this purpose. The Teton Park Road will open to vehicle traffic on Sunday, May 1, 2005.

The Flagg Ranch Visitor Information Station closes for the winter season on Sunday, March 13 at 5:00 p.m., while Flagg Ranch Resort services will close for the season on Monday, March 14. Winter car camping at the Colter Bay Visitor Center parking area will end on Friday, April 15.

The Grassy Lake Road in the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway closes to snowmobile use for the winter season in conjunction with the other winter trail closures. It will be closed to all motorized vehicles from April 1 to May 31, due to springtime grizzly bear activity.

Ranger-led snowshoe hikes originating from the Moose Visitor Center are scheduled to end on Tuesday, March 15, depending upon snow conditions. Throughout late winter and early spring, the Moose Visitor Center remains open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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